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DEAR MR. SECRETARY

AS YOU KNOW MY GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED DEEP REGRETS AT THE TRAGIC AND ACCIDENTAL ERROR WHICH COST THE LIVES OF FOUR AMERICANS AND INJURY TO MANY MORE IN MIDDLE EASTERN WATERS. ISRAELS SINCERE REGRET IS ACCOMPANIED BY DEEP AND RESPECTFUL CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DEAD AND INJURED WHO HAVE BECOME INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THE TRAGIC TURMOIL OF WAR.

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